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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P02/193-do/j1	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 03/11134	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/10/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 24/10/2002
Applicant MERCK PATENT GMBH		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 10 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :
 - contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

METHYLENE UREA DERIVATIVES AS RAF-KINASE INHIBITORS

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER					
IPC 7	C07D213/68	C07D213/75	C07D401/12	C07D413/12	C07D409/12
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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 C07D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data, BEILSTEIN Data, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 01/38324 A (LOVELL PETER JOHN ; DEAN DAVID KENNETH (GB); SMITHKLINE BEECHAM PLC (G) 31 May 2001 (2001-05-31) see examples 78-81 and claims 1, 11-15	1-3, 7-32
Y		1-32
X	WO 02/24679 A (SHIMADA MITSUYUKI ; BAYER AG (DE); ZIEGELBAUER KARL B (DE); KORIYAMA Y) 28 March 2002 (2002-03-28) see e.g. example 32-14 and claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-15	1-3, 7, 8, 10-15, 17-23, 26-28, 30-32
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
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X	WO 02/062750 A (SCHERING CORP) 15 August 2002 (2002-08-15) see compound CU on p. 25, compound III on p. 45 and compound 33 page 70; claims 1,2,30,33-37 -----	1-3,7, 10-15, 17-23, 26-28, 30-32
X	EP 0 839 803 A (SS PHARMACEUTICAL CO) 6 May 1998 (1998-05-06) ----- claims 1-3,5,6; examples 1-36	1-3,7, 10-15, 19,20, 22,23, 26-28, 30-32
X	DE 199 47 457 A (AVENTIS PHARMA GMBH) 5 April 2001 (2001-04-05) ----- claims 1-3; examples 5A,5B	1-3,7, 10-15, 19,23, 26-28, 30-32
X	WO 02/12210 A (BERNARDON JEAN MICHEL ;CLARY LAURENCE (FR); GALDERMA RES & DEV (FR) 14 February 2002 (2002-02-14) ----- claims 1,10,15,18; examples 9,10	1-3,7, 10-15, 17,19, 20, 26-28, 30-32
Y	SMITH R A ET AL: "DISCOVERY OF HETEROCYCLIC UREAS AS A NEW CLASS OF RAF KINASE INHIBITORS: IDENTIFICATION OF A SECOND GENERATION LEAD BY A COMBINATORIAL CHEMISTRY APPROACH" BIOORGANIC & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY LETTERS, OXFORD, GB, vol. 11, no. 20, 2001, pages 2775-2778, XP001118699 ISSN: 0960-894X see lead compound 89 -----	1-32
Y	WO 02/062763 A (RIEGL BERND ;LOWINGER TIMOTHY B (JP); DUMAS JACQUES (US); RENICK J) 15 August 2002 (2002-08-15) tables 1-6, claims 1-33 -----	1-32
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Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 057 636 A (PETERSEN HANS JORGEN) 8 November 1977 (1977-11-08) see the 5 benzyl derivatives of table A and examples 37 and 57, its production and pharmacological activity -----	1,2,7, 10-15, 19,23, 26-28,31
X	US 5 441 984 A (HEATH, WILLIAM F., JR. ET AL) 15 August 1995 (1995-08-15) see examples 6 and 10, its production and activity -----	1,2,7, 10-15, 19,23, 26-28,31
X,P	HOPKINS, THUTAM P. ET AL: "Solid-Phase Synthesis of Trisubstituted Guanidines" JOURNAL OF COMBINATORIAL CHEMISTRY , 4(2), 167-174 CODEN: JCCHFF; ISSN: 1520-4766, 2002, XP002289534 see compound with RN 409080-96-2 and its production -----	1-3, 30-32
X	WO 00/61561 A1 (SHIONOGI BIORESEARCH CORP., USA) 19 October 2000 (2000-10-19) see inter alia many especially example 26, its production and activity -----	1,2,7, 10-15, 17,18, 21,22, 26-28, 30-32
X	WO 00/61559 A1 (SHIONOGI RESEARCH CORP., USA) 19 October 2000 (2000-10-19) see e.g. examples 14-16 and scheme on p. 16 -----	1-3,7, 10-15, 17,18, 21,22, 26-28
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X	WO 02/02534 A1 (ASTRAZENECA AB, SWED.; ASTRAZENECA UK LTD.) 10 January 2002 (2002-01-10) see examples 6, 16 and 31 -----	,2,7,8, 0-15, 17,18, 21,22, 26-28
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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WO 01/57008 A1 (BASF AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, GERMANY) 9 August 2001 (2001-08-09)</p> <p>see e.g. inter alia examples 24 and 26-31 and in combination with scheme II</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>1, 2, 7, 8, 10-15, 17, 18, 20-22, 26-28, 31</p>

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORTInternational application No.
PCT/EP 03/11134**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: 1-3, 7-32(part)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 1-3, 7-32(part)

Present claims 1 to 3, 7 to 32 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds, processes for their production, compositions and methods. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible.

Furthermore, the initial phase of the search revealed a very large number of documents relevant to the issue of novelty. So many documents were retrieved that it is impossible to determine which parts of the claim(s) may be said to define subject-matter for which protection might legitimately be sought (Article 6 PCT).

For these two reasons, a meaningful search over the whole breadth of the claims 1 to 3 and 7 to 32 is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely the search has been restricted to the compounds of claim 4 to 6 and the claims depending thereon, but only as far as the specified compounds of claims 4, 5 and 6 are concerned.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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